

# THE GARDNER REPORT

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## GARDNER EARNS MITT ROMNEY ENDORSEMENT

YET ANOTHER MILESTONE IN THE MARCH TO VICTORY IN NOVEMBER

Fort Collins, CO – On August 19<sup>th</sup>, former Massachusetts Governor and Presidential candidate Mitt Romney endorsed Cory Gardner in his bid for the 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District seat.

“I am proud have the support of one of the most respected conservatives in the nation, and the man who won the 2008 Republican caucus in the District,” Gardner said. “I am

certain that I will exceed his expectations when I am elected,” he added. Romney also sent a significant financial contribution to Cory in support of his election effort.

“It is critical that we elect leaders who will make the tough decisions necessary to get our country back on the right track,” Romney said in a press release on his website today.

Source: [http://www.freestrongamerica.com/press/item/release\\_mitt\\_romney\\_announces\\_colorado\\_endorsements](http://www.freestrongamerica.com/press/item/release_mitt_romney_announces_colorado_endorsements)

**MARKEY SOLIDIFIES HER STATUS AS THE REAL POLITICAL HYPOCRITE**

*Just days after voting for yet another stimulus bill, Markey releases new ad calling bailouts “offensive” and “cop-outs”... Page 2*

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**MARKEY EXPRESSES ANGER AT JOB-KILLING BILL’S FAILURE IN THE SENATE**

*The “cap-and-trade” bill that was poised to kill thousands of 4<sup>th</sup> CD jobs and handcuff the Weld oil discovery died in the senate... Page 4*

## “BOTH-WAYS BETSY” IN FULL FORM LEGISLATIVE RECORD AND CAMPAIGN PROMISES AT GROWING ODDS WITH ONE ANOTHER

Washington D.C./Fort Collins, CO- Despite widespread opposition and public protests in the district, Markey supported the latest bill in the Obama administration stimulus package. The \$26 billion package was passed with the intention of patching the budget shortfalls faced by the majority of the states this year. While many Democrats have argued that the bill is not a technically a “bailout,” it does not pass the smell test as a piece of legislation that bails out states from layoffs and budget cuts rather than forcing fiscal responsibility and saving. In a special session of the House, Markey rubber stamped the bill, which is a staple of the Obama/Pelosi agenda.

Exactly one week later Markey’s first campaign advertisement went up on the Colorado airwaves, adding another item to her growing list of political contradictions. In the advertisement, first aired on August 17<sup>th</sup>, Markey touts her small-business qualifications and gives her latest take on the Congressional agenda. In direct conflict with at least seven of her most prominent votes since elected to office in 2008, Markey claims that government bailouts are “just another word for cop-out.” To



add to the outrageousness, she goes on to say that as a small business owner, bailouts actually offend her.

"Contrary to the lip service in her ad, Markey has actually advanced Washington's bailout culture throughout her term, bailing out the auto industry and leaving our children and grandchildren with trillions in debt," National Republican Congressional Committee spokeswoman Joanna Burgos said.

This ad is just one more example of how truly out of touch

Markey is with her constituents. It also shows the extent to which she is willing to pander and politick her way to a second term in office. As a recent example, she sent out a press release that even went as far as to attack Cory’s family. Markey continues to prove that she is willing to say and do anything and that she will not let the truth get in the way of holding onto her seat.

*Source:*  
<http://www.coloradoan.com/article/20100817/NEWS01/8170338/Markey-to-use-ad-to-go-after-Wall-Street-firms>



<http://www.conservatives4congress.com/2010/06/rick-bergiowa-jon-barclanm-scan-duffywi.html>

## 4<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT RACE GARNERS NATIONAL ATTENTION

Fort Collins, CO – As Election Day continues to draw closer, the race for the 4<sup>th</sup> CD continues to heat up. All signs point towards the race being one of the hottest in the country and the national media has shifted its focus towards the Gardner campaign. Examples include a recent profile of the race by *The New York Times* and Cory's interview by Neil Cavuto of Fox News.

Adding fuel to the fire that is consuming Betsy Markey's hopes for a second term in Congress, the nationally recognized political analyst website *Rothenberg Political Reports* moved its description of the 4<sup>th</sup> CD from "Leans Republican" to full-fledged "Republican-Favored." The change was based on a number of factors characterizing the 2010 election including voter registration advantage and Markey's

continual votes against the will of the district.

Additionally, *The Washington Post's* political blog "The Fix" updated its ranking of hottest congressional races across the country. The fourth CD was moved up to #8 in the country out of all 435 House seats up for reelection. The rankings are based on the level of competition in the district and fluctuate mostly on the likelihood of incumbent defeats. *The Post* based the high ranking on the fact that Colorado's 4<sup>th</sup> CD is "a very tough district for Democrats" and the fact that "Gardner is a very good candidate."

Sources:

-<http://rothenbergpoliticalreport.com/ratings/house>  
 -<http://voices.washingtonpost.com/thefix/the-line/the-50-percent-mark-and-the-ba.html>

## MARKEY IS “ANGRY” ABOUT THE CAP-AND-TRADE BILL’S FAILURE DESPITE OVERWHELMING DISTRICT OPPOSITION

Weld County, CO – The long-debated and ultra-contentious climate reform legislation failed as Congress’s session drew to a close for the start of their summer recess. More commonly known as the cap-and-trade bill, the law would have set government regulations on the energy industry across the nation in the form of “carbon credits” that producers and consumers would be required to purchase through extensive restrictions and high fees.

Many advocates for business, state officials, and the House and Senate Republicans believe that the bill would cripple the energy industry and increase costs for consumers. Among those opposed was state rep Cory Gardner, who said that the bill could potentially “kill the emerging energy industry, especially in places like Weld County.” Weld is on the verge

of a significant economic boost amidst the national recession due in great part to a recent discovery of a massive oil deposit in the county. The city of Greeley in particular has been deeply hurt by the economic downturn and its unemployment rate has consistently been among the highest in the state. “Greeley, Weld, and the entire 4<sup>th</sup> CD rely heavily on energy development and production for their economic stability,” Gardner said. “A cap-and-trade bill would effectively remove hope for any turn towards recovery in the near future,” he added.

*The Denver Post* captured Markey’s reaction to the bill’s death at the end of July: “Of course I’m angry,” said Rep. Betsy Markey, D-Colo.,

Source: [http://www.denverpost.com/ci\\_15618070](http://www.denverpost.com/ci_15618070)



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## GARDNER KICKS OFF DISTRICT-WIDE “TOUR-DE-FOURTH” WITH DAY IN STERLING

Sterling, CO – The Gardner campaign has officially started its ‘tour-de-fourth’ project, which encompasses full day stops in every county in the 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and will take place throughout the rest of the campaign. Each day is marked by visits to local business, tours of the major economic hubs of the counties, meet and greet breakfasts and luncheons, media events, and fundraisers.

The first stop of the tour was

Logan County, in the town of Sterling. Cory spent the day visiting with the President of Northeastern Junior College, touring the wind turbine technology center, meeting with local media and business owners, and walking down the town’s main street.

Cory said the tour dates are one of his favorite parts of being on the campaign trail. “It’s great to be able to get out and talk to the voters in all parts of this incredibly vast district. I think its very important to get a finger on the pulse of what people care about in

every part of the Fourth, outside of the big cities. It definitely helps me come up with the best possible plan to serve the entire constituency and ensure that I am addressing every need and challenge faced by the people of Colorado,” Gardner said.

Source: [http://www.journal-advocate.com/sterling-local\\_news/ci\\_15868589](http://www.journal-advocate.com/sterling-local_news/ci_15868589)



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